

The Messenger

COLDWATER CHURCH OF CHRIST

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7 FACTS ABOUT THE FIRST MARRIAGE

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They did not have the book *You're Singing My Song* by Glenn & Cindy Colley. They did not have the book *His Needs, Her Needs* by Willard F. Harley. They did not have the book *The Five Love Languages* by Gary Chapman. They did not have the motivating movie, *Fireproof*. But they had the Word of Jehovah. Their names? Adam & Eve. Let's notice lessons we can learn about marriage from **the first marriage**.

It was male and female. *"So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them"* (Gen 1:27). Unfortunately, the world says marriage does not have to be male and female. Some other passages to consider and study (Genesis 2:18, 21-23; 5:1-2; Matthew 19:4; Mark 10:6).

It was united. *"Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother,*

This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you... (1 John 1:5).

VISITORS,
WELCOME!

Sunday:

9:30 a.m. Bible Class

10:30 a.m. WORSHIP

1:00 p.m. WORSHIP

Wednesday:

7:00 p.m. Bible Class

We have Bible classes for all ages & fellowship for lunch every Sunday!

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and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh" (Genesis 2:24). The world says marriage does not have to be united. Many times, he and she have separate bank accounts, separate beds, separate rooms, sometimes separate churches, and even separate lives. Some other passages to consider and study: (Matthew 19:4–6; 1 Cor 7:3–4; Eph 5:22–33).

It was not disposable. *"What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder"* (Matthew 19:6). Sadly, the world says marriage is very disposable. Jesus said, *"Whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery: and whoso marrieth her which is put away doth commit adultery"* (Matthew 19:9). Paul wrote, *"The wife is bound by the law as long as her husband liveth"* (1 Corinthians 7:39).

It was not perfect. Read Genesis 3:1–6. God is not at fault, but man and the adversary. They sinned. The wife superseded her role. The husband receded from his role. The husband is to be the head of the wife, not the other way around, and yet there will still not be perfection because we have our weak moments. This is not a license to sin. However, sin is universal (Romans 3:23; 1 John 1:8). Even the first marriage was not perfect, and we need to tell ourselves the truth in understanding that our marriages will not be perfect, either. Yet, the world presses into our minds that marriage has to be perfect in order for it to last. So many today want the "perfect" family. They feel they are so different from others when their children do not follow in their footsteps. I wonder how many times Eve cried, "I just wish my family was normal!" In a decaying, dying world filled with sin, what is "normal"? There are absolutes, and those belong to God. In a world where it is inevitable that we age, what is perfection? Let's stop striving for physical perfection and strive for spiritual perfection.

It was not easy. Read Genesis 3:16–19. The world tells that marriage has to be easy in order for it to be right. Read Genesis 4:1–16. I believe Adam and Eve taught their children the Word of God. And yet, they lost a son—not by disease, and not by accident, but by cold-blooded murder at the hands of their other son. Therefore, they essentially lost a second son because of Cain's expulsion (like someone's son being sent to prison for life today). Even the first marriage was not easy. Consider also: They faced temptation (3:6). They faced the enticement and lies of Satan (3:1–5). They sinned (3:6–7). They faced the major/serious consequences of sin—shame (3:7), Separation (3:8–15) sorrow and suffering (3:16–19, 22–24), and salvation (3:21, 15). They lost an amazing son to tragedy—Abel. They had a son who was a reprobate—Cain. They may have trained him correctly (Proverbs 22:6). They did not make excuses for his choices (Genesis 4:25–26). Then, they had a son who was a godly leader—Seth.

It was guided by God. Read Genesis 2:15–17 and 3:8–24. Unfortunately, the world thinks marriage does not require God’s guidance in order for it to be successful.

It was blessed by God. Read Genesis 1 and 2:15–17. Sadly, the world thinks anything they have in their marriage came by their own doing.

May these truths bless your marriage and glorify our God.



Collecting these items by Sunday, Oct 15

Toilet Paper

Canned Tuna or Chicken

Applesauce (jars or snack sizes)

Whitney Wadsworth Bridal Shower

October 1, ~ 2:00 PM

(immediately following 1 PM worship)

She is registered at:

Target, Bed Bath & Beyond, & Amazon

If you have any questions, see:
Terry Bland or Mischel Jackson



UPCOMING EVENTS in the AREA

- Oct 8 - 11 Nesbit Gospel Meeting ----- **Joe Ruiz preaching**
- Oct 13 - 14 MSOP World Evangelism Seminar
- Oct 15 - 18 Coldwater Gospel Meeting – **Glenn Hitchcock preaching**
- Oct 15 - 18 Spiritual Sword Lectureship

See bulletin board for flyers with more details

NEWS & NOTES

Please Pray

Tim Wilkes Sr., 4 stints this past Friday; **Lynn Wilkes**, strep & pneumonia; **Abigail Wilkes**, strep; **Wiley & Betty Tuggle**

NetCasters | **Far East Missions** | **Fishers of Men Family & Friends**

Wade Wilkes, Tim Sr.'s father, recent heart attack and stints, more stints on Wed; **Nelson Rosado**, Monica's father; **Linda Morris**, Lynn's mother; **Hurricane Harvey victims**; **Hurricane Irma victims**; **Lee Davis**, very bad health; **George Morris family**; **Joy Angel**, having seizures again related to brain disease; **Matt Brooks**, stationed in Qatar; **Iris Casteel**, Ed's wife; **Judy Dowelling**, Joe's mother; **Ray Maples**; **Macadden Easley**; **Becky Latimer**; **Kristie Deffenbaugh**; **Lauren Ivy**; **Raleigh Wood**; **Carole Livsey**, leukemia; **Lisa Hogan**; **Ava Roten**; **Sharon Brewer**; **Jenny Kraft**; **Mac Owen**; **Rhonda Cook**; **Wanda Coats**; **Tammy Powell**; **Lawton O'Brien**; **Beverly Whitecotton**; **Peggy Hunt**; **Jason Spencer**; **Elizabeth Baker**; **Janie Brister**; **Amanda Cummings**; **Danielle Key**; **Frankie Burfield**; **Renee Loya**; **Martha Hatfield**.

Birthdays

9/2	Faye Edwards
9/5	Jake Sutton
9/11	Molly Ratliff
9/11	Brenan Miller
9/16	Melanie Miller
9/22	Ashely Strickland
9/26	Bren Burdsal
9/26	Geoffrey Dunn

Anniversaries

9/5	Jake & Milba Sutton
9/19	Tim & Lynn Wilkes
9/27	Wiley & Betty Tuggle

Get Involved!

Coldwater Harbor Meeting – TODAY – 12:30

Providence Place Devo – TODAY – 2 PM

Bible Bowl @ Coldwater – Sep 16 – 4 PM
2 Thess 1–3; Sign up to help us host

Sen. Health & Rehab Devo – Sep 27 – 10 AM
Formerly named "Convalescence Center"

Coldwater Singing Night – Sep 27 – 7 PM

Wedding Shower for Andy & Whitney – Oct 1

Coldwater Gospel Meeting – Oct 15 – 18
Glenn Hitchcock preaching

Privileged to Serve

Sunday, September 10

Morning

Prayer Before Class	Chris Martin
Announcements	Andy Ratliff
Song Leader	Jared Brown
Lord's Supper:	
Preside	Jeffrey Ferrell
	Jerry Davis
Assist	Davis Johnson
	Will Brooks
Opening Prayer	Tim Meredith
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Closing Prayer	Russell Wadsworth

Afternoon

Song Leader	Jared Brown
Opening Prayer	Marc Strickland
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Lord's Supper	Jerry Davis
	Davis Johnson
Closing Prayer	John Wofford

Wednesday, September 13

Song Leader	Jared Brown
Prayer	Terry Davis
Invitation	Clifton Angel
Prayer	Jim Jackson

TECH:	Dalton Owen
HALL:	Tim & Rachel Wilkes